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SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Brown, please.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have listened to...I listened closely to what Senator Schimek said and I really do believe that the reason that the voters wanted the...to clarify it in the constitution was because that was when they were being selected independently, and I think it's a whole different situation and I think, I, frankly, think the parties are being a little bit paranoid that the candidate, their gubernatorial candidate, would not choose somebody of the same political philosophy to be their running mate. This, to me, is just about allowing the choice of the Governor to be made. But I do think that it indicates something about what's going on right now politically, and I think the whole Jesse Ventura phenomena is probably challenging a great deal to political parties everywhere. And the parties are going to keep trying to have greater and greater control in the face of what the voters are saying and a new breed of political animal that is certainly much more independent and much more of a phenomenon, and I actually think that it's more of a societal comment that the parties are responding in this way to something that I think is really a tempest in a teapot. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. This bill came out of our committee, Government Committee, and I raised some concerns regarding the number of amendments on the ballot, and I guess I would suggest that we kind of hold off on this for now and prioritize some of the items that we want to have on the ballot so that we don't end up with a great number. So I would urge the body to hold off on this for now, if at all possible. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think the parties are hypersensitive also. We need to consider what the constitutional scheme of things is right now. Under